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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES C.)

SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' VISIT

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) YESTERDAY, JANUARY 29, CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' VISIT, OIC ADVISED DFA IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTION THAT EMBASSY HAD REASON TO BELIEVE CONGRESSMAN DIGGS PLANNED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT JAN SMUTS. EMBASSY ADVISED DFA THAT EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT TO GET THE CONGRESSMAN'S STATEMENT TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IF HE DESIRED.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION WITH DFA TODAY, JANUARY 30, OIC REITERATED EMBASSY PLANS FOR HANDLING CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' STATEMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, DFA RETURNED EMBASSY'S CALL TO REPORT THAT, SINCE CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO ENTER SOUTH AFRICA, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ANY STATEMENT OF HIS ISSUED IN THE TRANSIT QUARTERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

3. IN VIEW DFA'S APPARENT INTRANSIGENCE THIS ISSUE, EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS GUIDANCE. EMBASSY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT ACTION ON ITS PART TO DISTRIBUTE CONGRESSMAN'S STATEMENT IN
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DIRECT CONTRAVENTION DFA'S REQUEST MAY CONCEIVABLY RESULT IN

SEVER FOLLOW-UP ACTION BY SAG IN RESTRICTING OR IMPAIRING OTHER
INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF MISSION.

4. FOREGOING CONFIRMS TELECONS PRATT/O'NEILL AND
PETERSON/MCGINLEY AT NOON SOUTH AFRICAN TIME.
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